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School Supt. Van Tassel starts giving brief reports to School Board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel is becoming more of a presence at the regular school board meetings. He's always been there, but he's taking on a stronger leadership role.

A new item was put on the agenda at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education: "Superintendent's Report."

At meetings in the past, Supt. Van Tassel has sat quietly during regular board meetings and only spoken up when asked a question or he had something brief to add to an agenda item.

On Monday, Supt. Van Tassel said this new item will be on the agenda for his comments from now on.

On Monday, he reported on the first day of school, calling it "very successful." He said his central office staff was out at all the schools and he got into every single classroom in the district.

He said there were some bus problems, but they are making progress.

"I was very pleased with the first day," Van Tassel said.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said there were 80 kids from Owen School to be transported to the Boys & Girls Club at Edgemont and there was only room for 30. That got worked out.

Next, Van Tassel spoke of the student count, saying Monday's meeting was held just a few days into the school year and he would give a more complete report at the next regular board meeting (Oct. 12).

He said this year the count dropped in Kindergarten numbers and there was a bit of a drop at the high school, with a small freshman class and a higher than usual senior class. There's a difference of 50 kids and that's a lot when you think of \$7,000 from the state for each kid, he said.

Trustee Frazier said she thinks the board needs to address online programs. She said

two former students are now in school completely online. They will be missing sports and extra-curricular activities, she pointed out.

"The education process has been turned upside down," Frazier said.

Van Tassel said he is aware of that and there are several kids in the high school taking some classes online.

The third thing Van Tassel wanted to talk about was the staff survey taken the week before in order to get credit for professional development.

Van Tassel turned that part of his report over to Director of Instruction Jeff Moore, who said on Sept. 1 and 2 the staff had professional development days and then they were able to take an electronic survey on how they liked the sessions. He said they ranked each session from a 1, the lowest score, to a 5, the highest.

He said the overall scores were mostly 4s, he said, which would be A's. He said there were 3s, as well, and a 3 is a B, Moore said. [Retired teachers in the audience quietly disputed his comments on the grades, noting 5 would be an A.]

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the nomination of Christina Whisenhunt as a representative to Wayne RESA's Parent Advisory Committee. The board's previous representative's appointment has expired;

- Approved the resignations of non-instructional staff members Vernor Wilson from Food Service after 10 years as of Aug. 19 and Kisma Davis of Transportation after one year as of Aug. 25. Also approved the hiring of Jamie Baker as a parapro at Rawsonville as of Sept. 8;

- Approved the resignations in instructional staff: Megan King of Edgemont after five years as of Aug. 20; Matthew Kazmierski of Owen after two years as of Aug. 24; Bridget Dennehy of Rawsonville after one

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The Patrick Gannon family poses for a picture before his ceremonial swearing in as a police lieutenant for Sumpter Township. Sgt. Gannon and his wife Jenni are in back. In front, from left, are their children, Lauren, Kyrie, Aidan, and Joshua.

Sumpter promotes Sgt. Patrick Gannon to police lieutenant

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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Sgt. Patrick Gannon was promoted to police lieutenant with his family around him in a ceremony attended by most of the Sumpter Township Police Department.

This was at the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Sept. 8.

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green swore Lt. Gannon in and then helped his four children unpin his old sergeant's badge and pin on the new lieutenant's badge. They also had planned to remove the old stripes on his collar and replace them with new stripes, but Judge Green found they weren't available.

"They're still at the uniform shop," explained Captain Eric Luke from the back of the meeting room and people in the crowded room laughed good-naturedly.

Supervisor John Morgan moved to the agenda item on the promotion by saying Patrick Gannon "is one of my favorite people."



Police Chief Jim Pierce said when he first got to Sumpter there was a chief and then the corporals. He said with that organization, at times a corporal had to run the department.

He said there is a good second in command right now, referring to Captain Luke, and now Gannon will be third in command. Then there are two sergeants, two corporals, and then police officers. The detective is in a separate category. He is a corporal, but is in charge at a crime scene.

Chief Pierce said he wanted a chain of command for legal reasons.

He said this is what the structure is for the time being, but he would like another lieutenant in the future and attorney Rob Young asked him to hold off talking about that at this point because of collective bargaining constraints.

Supervisor Morgan said he remembers

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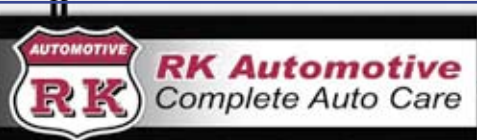
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Sept. 19 - Speed Gant, Dave Wilson

Sept. 21 - Eugene Wisniewski

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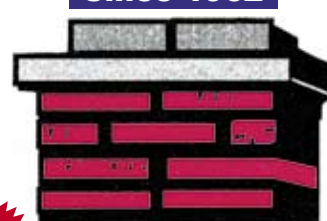
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Lt. Gannon

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when Gannon and Luke joined the department at the same time.

"He and Luke were like twins, all spit and polish," recalled Morgan. "I remember saying to myself one of these will be the chief before I leave."

Chief Pierce said Lt. Gannon has done a lot for the department, noting Gannon painted the station inside and out and planted shrubbery. He sees what needs doing and just does it without asking for any money, Chief Pierce said.

"And, he's honest," Chief Pierce said. "I've never had Sgt. Gannon tell me anything that wasn't true."

"I saw him cleaning out the dog pen in civilian clothes," said Supervisor Morgan. "That says a lot."

"He's also a resident of Sumpter Township," said Trustee Peggy Morgan and other members of the board joined in their approval of that fact.

After the ceremony, Lt. Gannon was applauded by the board and crowd.

In a memo to the board, Chief Pierce outlined Gannon's background, including that he has lived in Sumpter since 1992 and is a 1990 graduate of Western Michigan University where he received a bachelor of science in Criminal Justice. He is a 2014 graduate of the prestigious advanced training course of Eastern Michigan School of Police Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program.

"His promotion to lieutenant will allow the department to build upon the high level of professional police services that the community and the township board have grown accustomed to," Chief Pierce wrote.

He said Lt. Gannon will receive the contract-mandated 3% rank wage differential above his current sergeant wage.

In other business at the Sept. 8 meeting, the board:

- Approved having Sumpter Collision paint the old police car that will be used by the fire chief at a cost of \$1,900. When it was revealed no bids were taken, Trustee Morgan said Jim Chudzinski always does a great job and can beat anyone around. And, she said, he is active in the community and supports community events. Supervisor Morgan questioned whether it was wise to spend \$1,900 on a car that old, worth \$3,000. Fire Chief Joe Januszyk said it is a 2011 vehicle with 127,000 miles and runs well;

- Approved spending \$1,082 for Priority One Emergency to mount lights and siren onto the that same former police car for fire department use;

- Formally approved the promotion of Sgt. Gannon to the position of lieutenant,

contingent upon his successful completion of a one-year probationary period;

- Heard Lydia Graber say she had an "unfortunate experience" with an employee when she came into township hall to pay her tax bill and get a dog license. She said she is disabled and, "I felt very disrespected as a person." Supervisor Morgan apologized, "if they appeared to disrespect you ... I'm sure they didn't mean to." He offered to get the video of what took place and show it to her. She offered to do training to make the township more handicapped accessible; and

- Heard a property owner across Oakville Waltz from Sumpter Township complain about having to pay \$8,600 for a water connection (water hookup and contracting cost) to replace a current spaghetti line. Spaghetti lines are illegal. She wanted to make payments, but Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis said the property is not in Sumpter Township and the township can't loan out money.

School Board

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year as of Aug. 25; and Katelyn Hadyniak of BHS after one year as of Aug. 28. Frazier said these resignations make a total of 11 resignations of first and second year teachers from the district. Human Resources Director Shonta Langford Green said three of four on the list came to thank them for the jobs, but they wanted to be employed in the district closer to home;

- Approved hiring the following instructional staff, all starting Sept. 1: Danielle Smith to teach English at McBride Middle School; Keyon Hoskins, third grade, Rawsonville; Kim Ferrell, special education at BHS; Fatima Thompson, no assignment noted at Rawsonville; Victoria Henderson, ELA at McBride Middle School; John Hill, English, and Robert Taylor, Math in New Tech, both at BHS; and Keith Kelsey, music at Owen Intermediate;

- Heard Director of Instruction Moore give a presentation on a plan to analyze data of all kinds to impact student learning. The project is called Data Dialogue based on the book "Got Data? Now What?" It starts with Principals' training Oct. 7 and 8 in Novi and continues through district training Nov. 3. He said in the past analyzing data has been different at each school and now there will be a districtwide, systematic approach;

- Heard Board President Brent Mikulski turn the meeting over to vice president Martha Toth to explain the 41 pages of board policy revisions proposed, only to have Van Tassel say he would be doing the Board Policy presentation. This is considered the First Reading of the changes.



Two new Belleville Fire Fighters were introduced to the Belleville City Council at its Sept. 8 meeting. The two, Ed Smith and Shauna Spoonamore, completed all their fire and medical training and are now off probation. They hold their new shields with their new numbers. From left are Lt. Brian Blackburn, Captain Kris Rix, Chief Brian Loranger, Fire Fighter Smith and Fire Fighter Spoonamore. Derek Smith also is a new fire fighter, but couldn't be present for that meeting. Rix holds Smith's shield.

Belleville Council sets joint meeting with DDA to make plans for city

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A joint meeting between the Belleville City Council and the Downtown Development Authority will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21, at city hall.

The meeting was set during the Sept. 8 regular city council session.

The council and DDA will meet to do some planning for the city.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson told the council to come in costume to the meeting since it is the DDA's Belleville Booville meeting. She said there also is sure to be food.

The meeting is open to the public.

In other business at the Sept. 8 meeting, the council:

- Approved Victory Park usage by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to rent out spaces during the city wide yard sale;

- Tabled a request from the Plymouth YMCA for a "Dash in Disguise" family fun run on Oct. 24 during Booville because no one was present to discuss the proposal;

- Approved the mayor's appointment of Alicia McGovern, of Edward Jones on Rawsonville Road in Van Buren Township, to the Belleville DDA with a term to expire in December 2018. She will represent the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, as a business within the district;

- Approved the Oct. 17 5K Zombie Run or walk, at 9 a.m. with the race at 10 a.m. starting at Horizon Park, as presented by Marissa Higgins of Belleville High School New Tech;

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder ask about item #1 City Hall Security on the "Follow-up List" that has been on the list since Aug. 1, 2011. There was a proposed analysis of current building security. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the item requires finances. At one time the price was hundreds of thousands of dollars, she said, and, "We hated to pour excessive amounts of money into this building." Fire Chief Brian Loranger said a lot of places offer grants for security. The item remains on the list;

- Approved accounts payable of \$123,836.74 and purchases in excess of \$500: to All Seasons Landscaping, \$607.96 for a chainsaw for the fire department; to Emergency Reporting, \$1,668 for software for the fire department; to Michigan Association of Planning, \$650 for annual dues, general fund; to Wingfoot Tire, \$7,242.12 for tires for the fire department; and to Wise Technologies, \$573.75 for computer support for various departments;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley remind everyone that the applications for the Scarecrow Contest are due Sept. 25, although the scarecrows aren't due until the first week in October. Last year there were 20 scarecrows entered;

- Heard Fire Chief Loranger ask everyone to keep police officers in their thoughts and prayers because, "There's a lot of weird stuff going on"; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss pending union negotiations and went back into regular session only to adjourn.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT board extends mj moratorium

On April 7, when the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees passed a six-month moratorium on accepting proposals for medical marijuana dispensaries, there were some board members who were skeptical. Could they get an ordinance ready in six months? No problem, they were told.

Now, here they are with the moratorium about to expire and the work is not done. There have been three meetings of a committee that was going to make a recommendation. One meeting was a visit to growing operations and dispensaries in the city of Ypsilanti.

The group is planning to meet again today to discuss providing a recommendation. But, an extension of the moratorium is needed because the work isn't done.

At Monday's VBT work/study session, Trustee Hart asked for a timeline – planning is his strong suit – and the new director of planning and economic development Ron Akers drew up a six-month plan and presented it to the board on Tuesday.

It's a plan for an ordinance. No mention of the state legislation hobbling along in Lansing, which could knock out a local ordinance. That's why Sumpter Township set aside its complete ordinance for now and also has a long moratorium going. On Friday, Sumpter police carried away two police cars full of marijuana from a growing operation on Harris Road. No citations yet. Medical marijuana is a confusing subject locally and statewide.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A Sumpter Township resident called Friday to report that a young woman is going door to door saying she is from Medicare. She wants to come in and tell people about what is changing with Medicare and how they need her new insurance to take care of the problems. She's selling insurance.

The caller said the lady set up an appointment with her for next week because she was busy now. Later, she learned her sister in Van Buren Township let the woman in and listened to her, but didn't buy her insurance.

Our caller said on Friday morning she called Medicaid and was told Medicaid doesn't do anything like that and this is a fraud. The Medicaid representative told her to call her police agency. She said she called me first, then she'll call Sumpter police.

She said some senior citizens might be frightened into buying the insurance and she doesn't want that to happen.

A scam letter was dropped off at our office by another reader. The colorful letter says the recipient has won a world lottery and needs to go to Madrid to pick up the \$4.2 million he won.

If he doesn't want to go to Madrid, he can pay 5% to a claim agent as a fee for transferring it to a bank account in the U.S. It goes on from there, but the recipient is to keep this quiet as a security measure. Scam!

And, local people are getting calls from the IRS again threatening all sorts of things unless they send money. The IRS says it only contacts people by snail mail.



Jim Patton who was hit by a vehicle Aug. 26 on West Huron River Drive and is slowly healing, told a friend he was disappointed in the news report on the accident.

Jim said the story said he is a "jogger" and he is a "runner."

We just printed what the police told us and they thought he was a jogger, so that's what we called him. Apparently, there's a BIG difference.

After Sept. 1 each year, the Michigan State Police releases the results of the previous school year's bus inspections.

The report for Van Buren Public Schools for the 2014-15 school year (Sept. 1 through Aug. 31) reports: 39 buses passing, 16 yellow tags, and four red tags, for a total of 59 buses. The report said the red-tagged buses had to be repaired before they could go back on the road.

The yellow tags are indications that the buses are in unsatisfactory condition, but safe for operation. They must be repaired within 60 days of the original inspection date. The "pass" grade indicates the total number of buses considered to be in satisfactory condition.

MSP inspects all the buses annually and inspections are done throughout the year.

On Monday morning a Nixel alert went out from Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, advising that Tyler

Road between Belleville and Quirk was closed because of a broken gas main.

I called VBT Hall and the hall was open and everyone was at work. The gas problem wasn't at township hall, but roadside at about the half-way point at the subdivision next door. In early afternoon DTE fixed the break and Tyler Road was reopened, but DTE equipment was still in place before and after the VBT board work/study session I attended at 4 p.m. that day at the township hall.

Word has it that Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley is having an appreciation party tonight for employees and volunteers at the city. It's at the former flower shop on East Huron River Drive and she's paying for the party. It's against the law to use taxpayer funds. The mayor is running for reelection.

I'm told only one fire fighter is going to attend because of the lack of progress in the contract negotiations. Those city fire fighters are watching the union problems in VBT with interest.

A school bus full of students got rear-ended last Thursday morning on Bemis in Sumpter. No injuries. Driver had dew on windshield and was driving into the bright sun. She couldn't see. Car totaled.





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Letters

Leanne Clare should have been fined

To the Editor:

An employee who works at Van Buren Township was issued a ticket for parking in a handicapped space and thought it was OK. You broke the law and thought it may be a new-employee initiation. Be for real, lady. You're not in college.

Sgt. Abdilla did the right thing and gave you a ticket, then you thought you could get it taken care of. You stated you parked there because you had an event the next morning and didn't want your pastries to get wet. That's no excuse.

You went in front of Judge Oakley who said you are not handicapped and you are responsible for parking in it. Then, why do you suppose you didn't have to pay the fine? Maybe, because you're the ex-wife of Judge Parrott.

Then you went on to say, "I already had a ticket. I decided to use it the rest of the evening." You should have got another one and your vehicle towed.

The 34th District Court is already a joke and you just proved everyone right. You're no better than the rest of us. I got a ticket once for parking in the fire lane to drop my mother off because of a bad leg. Only there a couple of minutes. I had to pay the fine and guess who my judge was? Judge Oakley. Perhaps, Judge Oakley should review his law books.

And, Lianne Clare: Those blue and white signs marking special parking spots are for real people to use. Not for you to keep your pastries dry. Pay the fine or donate it and prove to people you're not just using your position like others have.

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James F. Chapman: My Misadventure

To the Editor:

Just the facts, ma'am. I recently served two consecutive misdemeanor 90-day max sentences for trespassing on land where my tree service, firewood, and sawmill were set up on as per an ongoing 3-4 year agreement with the owner. She allowed me to remain on the property for removing several large trees and upkeep of the property.

When bad neighbors conspired with the Van Buren Township Supervisor and Department of Public Safety, they brought weight to bear on her, and she gave them an affidavit, rather than properly going through the civil eviction process -- in other words, they didn't do it legally -- but I was found guilty anyway. One of my ex-girlfriend's near kin was on the jury. This case remains under appeal -- but the damage has been done, sentence served in full.

And Van Buren taxpayers paid the \$7,000+ bill to have me shipped to Clare County, rather than Dickerson Facility. See, they wanted to make sure I didn't get released early.

Three days before I was due to be released the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office ruled on a warrant request for a PPO violation requested by VBPD back in March -- only now it came back as Felony Aggravated Stalking, and Habitual Offender.

I have examined all relevant statutes and found that none of them apply to the facts alleged in the complaint. It would seem to me that I AM BEING HARRASSED.

Bad neighbors even tore down my Cross, visible from Sumpter Road -- watch for its reappearance soon.

Did I hear that VBT is requesting a 6.5-mill increase for Public Safety?

You can pretty well figure out where I stand on that one. Have they forgotten that 2016 is an election year?

I have some other questions which I will pose in upcoming letters, so please pay attention, people!

I remain as every truly yours--

Jimmi Chapman

South bank of the Huron, once again!

Editor's Note: Van Buren Township is seeking a 6.5 mill tax in the Nov. 3 election, which is 2.5 mills more than taxpayers now pay.

2015 BHS Half-Time Band Review is Sept. 22

The 23rd-annual Belleville High School Half-Time Band Review program will take place at the BHS athletic field on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Gates open at 5:45 p.m., with performances beginning at 6:30. Admission is \$5 per person, with free admission for kids aged 12 and under. This year's event features performances from Lincoln Park, New Boston Huron, Crestwood, Monroe, Flat Rock, Lincoln, and BHS marching bands and it opens again with the Belleville marching Tiger Drum Line.

Obituaries



Joyce Lynn Basham

JOYCE LYNN BASHAM

(April 21, 1956 -- September 11, 2015)
Joyce Lynn Basham, age 59, of Ypsilanti passed away September 11, 2015.

Joyce is the beloved mother of Eric Daniel Basham of Ypsilanti; dear daughter of Geraldine of Ypsilanti; loving sister of Barbara (Douglas) Inch of Gibraltar, Nancy (Edward) Horvat of South Lyon, Donald (Cindy) Basham of Belleville, Gary (Elaine) Basham of Ypsilanti and Charlene Basham of Hudson, FL. Sadly she is preceded in death by her father, George who died in 2002.

A member of the Faith Assembly Church, Joyce enjoyed gardening, feeding the ducks and playing with her dog, "Ebony."

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2015 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Visiting hours were 3-8 p.m. on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



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Obituaries



Gloria Arlene Goike

GLORIA ARLENE GOIKE

(September 4, 1955 -- September 12, 2015)

Gloria Arlene Goike, age 60, of Canton, MI, formerly of Saline, MI, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born September 4, 1955 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Miguel Angel and Vivian Faye (Witt) Sotomayor.

Gloria graduated from Belleville High School in 1973. She was the proud co-owner of Lodge Lanes, Belleville. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Belleville. She enjoyed crocheting. Most of all, she loved her family. She went to every activity of all four of her children: baseball, tennis, bowling. She wouldn't miss a thing. She loved her grandkids and did everything with them as well.

Mrs. Goike is survived by her loving husband of nearly 38 years, Robert T. Goike; daughter Kristin (Steve) Jacobs of Belleville; three sons Robert M. (Nicole) Goike of Belleville, Michael Goike of Canton, and Justin Goike of Canton; two grandchildren Lucas Jacobs and Callan Goike; her mother Vivian Sotomayor of Ypsilanti Township; five siblings Prima (Timothy) Vesey of Milan, MI, Diane (Daniel) Dzierbicki of Ypsilanti Township, Valerie Moore of Willis, MI, Michael (Denise) Sotomayor of Ypsilanti Township, and Sue (Gary) Altobello of Belleville; brother-in-law R. Allen Cox of Colorado; also numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, also a sister Sandy (Sotomayor) Cox.

Visitation was 5-8 PM Tuesday, September 15, 2015 and Noon until 8 PM Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services will be Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 11 AM at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. There will be visitation from 10-11 AM at the church. Rev. James Walker will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the United Methodist Church would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

ALICE LOUISE DiLAURA

Age 86, of Belleville. Survived by husband Fernando, daughter Susan (Michael) Kim, son-in-law Wally Crapo, 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Services were Sept. 11 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea.

DORIS JEAN GOODREAU

(April 7, 1919 -- September 4, 2015)

Age 96, of Belleville, was born in Shepards Bush, England. Survived by son Gregory, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, and two great-great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Beatrice E. Watson

BEATRICE E. WATSON

(August 9, 1930 -- September 09, 2015)

Beatrice E. Watson, age 85, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at her home. She was born August 9, 1930 in Kentucky, daughter of Earle & Mattie (McLin) Conner.

Mrs. Watson was a member of Serenity Missionary Baptist Church, Belleville. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and making porcelain dolls and their clothes. She even sold her handmade doll clothes to Dolls by Joyce for many years. She also loved her family and feeding anyone who came to visit. No one ever left hungry.

She is survived by three sons Donald Watson of Lincoln Park, MI, Edward (Kimberly) Watson of Belleville, and Michael (Cheri) Watson of Riverview, MI; four granddaughters Rhonda, Angela, Ellen and Kaylee Watson; also five great-grandchildren; and numerous friends. Beatrice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Dealis Watson on September 20, 2001, daughter-in-law Ethel Watson, also a sister Bessie Phillips.

Visitation was Sunday 2-8 PM and Monday, September 14, 2015 from 10-11 AM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were Monday at 11:00 AM. Interment was in Ferndale Cemetery, Riverview, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice or Sumpter Township Meals on Wheels and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

JUDY MERRELL

(September 18, 1939 -- September 7, 2015)

Age 75, died at her home in Belleville. Survived by husband James, children James Allen, Sandra Joy, Rhonda Faye and Jill Lynne; 8 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 siblings. Janowiak Funeral Home.

More Obituaries on pages 6, 8 & 11

Pro-life prayer vigil set at Planned Parenthood

A pro-life prayer vigil will be held at Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. Volunteers are being sought to sign up for one-hour slots. For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor.

Obituaries



Robert "Country" Kilgore

ROBERT 'COUNTRY' KILGORE

(February 28, 1933 -- September 4, 2015)

Robert "Country" Kilgore, age 82, of Sumpter Township passed away Friday September 4, 2015 in Pontiac, Michigan. He was born in McRoberts, Kentucky on February 28, 1933, son of Lydia and Napoleon.

Robert was an army veteran and long-time member of Bikers United M.C. He also loved a good bonfire with family and friends. Mr. Kilgore is preceded in death by his parents, his sons John Marvin Kilgore and Tony Kilgore., his daughter Sheila, sister Blanche, and brother Curtis.

He is survived by his sons Joe and Cliff, grandchildren John Stewart, and Robert and Sara Kilgore; his daughter-in-law Emily; his brother Chuck; nieces Sheri, Rhonda, and Deanea; his nephews Chucky and Brian; as well as many other relatives.

A military burial service will be on Thursday September 17, at 9:15 a.m. in Holly, Michigan at Great Lakes National Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest.

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City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes August 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve the agenda with one addition. To add item 8B Halloween Events at Fourth Street square.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of August 3, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Booville – Fourth Street Square Children's Games

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-101**, to approve a request from CBC to conduct the Booville Tent Event on October 24, 2015 from 12-3 P.M. at Fourth Street Square. The event will consist of children's games, painting and food. Set up will begin on Friday, October 23, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Booville – Fourth Street Square Black Magic Ball/Dance & Concert

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-102**, to approve a request from Claudia Roullier/BCC & Blue Steal Jazzy Band to conduct the Booville Black Magic Ball/Dance and Concert with snacks and beverages on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at Fourth Street Square Booville tent from 4-7 P.M.

AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria, Smith

NAYS: Tindall

MOTION CARRIED.

C. 2016 Kona Strawberry Run

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-103**, to approve a request from Kona Running Company to hold the Kona Strawberry Run on Friday, July 17, 2016 from 7-9 P.M. downtown Belleville contingent upon the details being worked out with public safety and the request being brought back to City Council for final approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-104** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Obituaries



Lois Jeanne Hamilton

LOIS J. HAMILTON

(October 4, 1930 – August 6, 2015)

Lois Jeanne Hamilton, 84, was received by our Lord, August 6, 2015 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Lo, as her friends called her, was a retired substitute teacher serving the Van Buren Public School system. Earlier, she taught physical education at Thurston High School in Redford. Many will remember Lois helping out at Hamilton Hardware in Belleville where she kept the books and assisted customers paying their utility bills.

She was born in Wayne, MI, October 4, 1930 where she continued to live, up to and including her college years at Michigan Normal College which is now Eastern Michigan University. It was there that she met, and married, her lifetime partner and husband, R. Lynne Hamilton of Belleville.

Community service was an important part of both Lois' and Lynne's lives. Often, Lois played an important supporting role. She was very active in the Belleville Methodist Church throughout her 50+ years in Belleville, serving with the United Methodist Women and many other roles.

She is survived by her son David L. Hamilton and Darlene Hamilton, her daughter-in-law, of South Lyon; and daughter Lisa A. Nardi of Romulus. Grandchildren include Alexander D. Hamilton, Brianna L. Hamilton, Kristina E.

Blackburn, Brandon L. Blackburn, and John C. Nardi. Great-grandchildren include Austin P. Hackney and Arianna Hackney.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband R. Lynne Hamilton (former supervisor of Van Buren Township), her sisters Edhre Smith and Alice Arlen, and her second son, Richard Charles Hamilton in 1973.

Memorial services were held August 12 at the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 640 South Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178 who spiritually supported Lois at her stays at Abbey Park Independent living in South Lyon and at Sunrise Senior Living in Northville. She was interred August 8 in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

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The Van Buren Eagles invites the public to an all-you-can-eat Oktoberfest from 4:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

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AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Full House Self Storage at 7886 Belleville Rd., Belleville MI 48111 is holding a public auction. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, misc. O-715 & N-810 Terry Booth, P-784 Charles Bourque, T-981 Chandler Cuts and Snow LLC, R-918 Sarah Graham, H-356 Cheryl Foster, J-600 Kevin Beard, I-404 Danny Mabry, J-618 Douglas Laura, H-362 Lisa Howell, L-523 Gwen Hill, J-616 April Green, D-158 Leonard Wojtyna, L-521 Jasmine J. Carter, H-359 Angela Wood, O-723 Leslie Shull, S-941 Kelli Rysztak. Publish: September 10, September 17, 2015

NOTICE OF AUCTION AT J&T CROVA TOWING

3657 Grant St., Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 699-0584

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 @ 9 a.m.

Year	Make/Model	VIN
1999	Oldsmobile Bravada	1GHDT13W9X2709212

Publish: September 17, 2015

GARAGE/YARD SALE

4 FAMILY SALE. Antique desk w/ Hickock chair, curio cabinet, lots of postcards, books, buttons, household items, antiques & much more. Wednesday through Saturday, September 16-19, 8am-5pm. 44600 Robson Rd. 9/17

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 & 19, 9am-4:30pm. Wood burning stove, guy stuff, jewelry & a good variety. 16787 Martinsville Rd. 9/17

MOMS DRIVE huge neighborhood garage sale. Off Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse Road. September 19 & 20, 9am-6pm. 9/17

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The City of Belleville's Annual Scarecrow Contest is under way with applications now available at City Hall. There's no entry fee and wooden frames are also available at City Hall. The filled-out applications are due back by Sept. 25 and the scarecrows themselves are due by

Oct. 2, in time to be put on display along Main Street through the month of October. Judging will take place during Harvest Festival here in town Oct. 10.

The Belleville Area Museum is gearing up for the **Spend a Day on the Lake** event Saturday, Sept. 26. The **Guided Canoe Color Tour** is a 90-minute trip beginning at 10 a.m. with Belleville Lake Stories on the island and a museum visit. Info and registration can be made at www.wactive.com.

The **21st Annual Don Rochon Memorial**

Car Show and Swap Meet is this Sunday, Sept. 20, beginning at 9 a.m. at the **Sumpter Fairgrounds** on Sumpter Road. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the awards handed out in 23 categories beginning at 2:30 p.m. Car show entry fee is \$15 and trophies will be awarded in 23 categories. At 4 p.m., the **USA Demolition Derby** and **Enduro Demo** will take place at 4 p.m. Tickets to the track event are \$12 for adults, and \$4 for children 3-12 years old. Other activities include a DJ, door prizes, raffles, contests, games, and food. The cost is \$20 for a 10x10 table for the swap meet exhibitor part of the show.

The **Lakeside Art Show** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **327 East Huron River Drive** in Belleville. The event will feature artisans offering paintings, pottery, garden art, jewelry, soaps and salts, basketry, laser art and hand-dyed scarves and shawls. For more info, call **Debbie Juriga** at (734) 395-8613.

The **Lease Pull Ahead Program** is back at **Atchinson Ford** on Belleville Road in Belleville as Ford Motor Company will make up to six payments for most leases that expire by March 31, 2016. For more see their ad on the back page of today's paper and call (734) 697-9161.

Sam's Place Family Dining on Main Street has to announce that their famous mini breakfast has to go up in price a little due to increased food costs. The mini is now \$2.25, up from \$1.99 and you can only get that deal with their weekly ad coupon in the *Independent*. A beverage purchase is also required. The coupon is only good Monday through Friday, from 6 to 11 a.m. It's still a great value, just a quarter more.

Public Notice

Van Buren Eagles Auxiliary

Van Buren Eagles Auxiliary 3996 will hold an election for vice president on Sept. 23, 2015 from noon to 7 p.m. at the club. Publish: September 17, 2015

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 25, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: P. Morgan, Hamm, Oddy and Swinson. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approx. 10 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Agenda with the addition of Item E, Consider Approval to purchase four (4) portable radios for the Fire Department at the cost of \$6,695.65 from Advanced Wireless Telecom. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept Planning Commission minutes of July 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$369,510.71. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, P. Morgan, Hamm, Swinson, Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation / Chamber Report: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to accept Parks & Recreation/ Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve pending corrections to the Use and Occupancy Agreement Sumpter Township WIC program. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to accept Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Response

10. New Business:

A. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to sell three (3) old golf carts for \$900.00. The money will go to the Parks and Rec Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported Swinson for Sumpter Township Firefighters to have their Annual Chicken Broil at Fire Station #1 on September 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve Firefighter Anthony Spitznagel's request to return from leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported Swinson the Resignation of Firefighter Jason Reeves from the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to purchase four (4) portable radios for the Fire Department at the cost of \$6,695.65 from Advanced Wireless Telecom. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Announcements

12. Open Floor

13. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on August 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: September 17, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.** at **J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan**, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

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2000 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMZU83P8YB84156
1999 MERCURY, FOUR-DOOR, VIN: 2MEFM74W2XX672156
1999 SUZUKI, MOTORCYCLE, VIN: JS1GR7DA4X2101079
1989 VOLVO, FOUR-DOOR, VIN: YV1AX8840K1355439

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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LOCAL AREA PIZZERIA looking for manager. Must have management experience. Please send resume to pizzieriamanagerwanted@gmail.com. 9/24

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
seeking donations of
clothing, household items**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Anthony parish in Belleville will collect clothing and small household items Sept. 22-27 in the parish parking lot by the gym. Regular drop-off hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. If these hours do not fit your schedule, contact (734) 732-2472. Thank you for your generous support.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 681 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 6:
0021 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.
0029 – fraud, N. Cumberland Dr.
0042 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0143 – assault & battery, Hotspot
0220 – indecent exposure, Village Green Ln.
0521 – malicious destruction of property, Rogers
0733 – missing person, Greenwood Ct.
1038 – trespassing, Southport Apts.
1105 – larceny, Ash Dr.
1422 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1620 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1708 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1822 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1823 – intimidation threat, Brandy
1855 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1955 – intimidation threat, Western St.
2045 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2134 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
2256 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2259 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
2325 – assault & battery, Maurice Dr.

Monday, Sept. 7:
0944 – hunting complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1020 – malicious destruction of property, Tompkins St.
1128 – assault & battery, Vernon St.
1248 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1252 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1349 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1433 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
1550 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1601 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1647 – disorderly conduct, Haggerty
1757 – property damage accident, Southport Apts. Bld. #4
1802 – harassment call, Lake Villa Dr.
1931 – family trouble, Park Estates
2031 – agency assist, Wayne Co.
2210 – suicide or attempt, Quirk Rd.
2216 – suicide or attempt, Belleville Rd.
2224 – assault & battery, Milton Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 8:
0358 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville
1141 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
1149 – abandoned auto, Hardwood Dr.
1523 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1539 – suicide or attempt, Kahla Dr.
1741 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1801 – family trouble, Arborview Ln.
1811 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1830 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1920 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2027 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
2228 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 9:
0058 – mental, Westlake Cir.
0257 – suspicious person, Budd Farm
0833 – fraud, Sheldon Rd.
1003 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1258 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1352 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1353 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1358 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd./Savage Rd.
1622 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1734 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1830 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1849 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1919 – abandoned auto, Hayes St./Jackson St.
2114 – juvenile complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
2305 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 10:
0245 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1218 – ordinance violation, Stratford Dr.
1317 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1326 – private property incident, Lighthouse Dr.
1336 – neighbor trouble, Cherry Ln.

1402 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1559 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1616 – intimidation threat, Anna Dr.
1713 – larceny, Johnny’s Hot Spot
1741 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1742 – property damage accident, Beck Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1838 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
2113 – family trouble, Freedom Way

Friday, Sept. 11:
0720 – suicide or attempt, Red Roof
0918 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0920 – larceny, Denton Rd.
0930 – intimidation threat, Village Green Ln.
1002 – intimidation threat, Borgman Ave.
1005 – abandoned auto, Van Buren St./Filmore St.
1150 – private property incident, E. Huron River
1242 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1255 – dumping complaint, Stonebridge Dr.
1309 – code enforcement, Merle Ct.
1348 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.
1353 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1341 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1626 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1709 – personal injury accident, Camping World
1720 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1722 – shots fired, Brookside Dr.
1722 – intimidation threat, Jackson St.
1759 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
1921 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2153 – suicide or attempt, Pond Ridge Dr.
2342 – noise complaint, Arthur St.

Saturday, Sept. 12:
0106 – private property accident, Denton
0207 – private property accident, Diamondback
0651 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
0713 – vehicle repossession, Buchanan St.
0911 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.
0934 – larceny, Buchanan St.
0945 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beckley
1049 – assault & battery, E. Walden Dr.
1119 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1257 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1314 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1318 – trespassing, Maurice Dr./Sylvia Dr.
1354 – personal injury accident, I-94/Haggerty
1502 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
1542 – ATV/ORV complaint, Ormond Dt.
1742 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
1919 – operating while intoxicated, Savage / Haggerty
2221 – noise complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 224 traffic stops, 59 or which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 6:
0201 – E-911 cellular, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
1005 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1351 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil
1417 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
1804 – fire investigation, E. Huron River Dr.
2038 – fireworks, S. Biggs

Monday, Sept. 7:
0113 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0501 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia
1156 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1325 – traffic complaint, Elwell/W. Huron River
1340 – welfare check, Astor Pl.
1706 – disorderly conduct, Carmell
1829 – larceny, Carmell St.
1842 – disturbance, W. Columbia Ave.
1845 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1846 – disorderly conduct, Victoria Commons pool
2139 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 8:
0449 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0924 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
0938 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1441 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
1452 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1552 – agency assist, Belle Villa Blvd.
1613 – welfare check, Horizon Park
2001 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 9:
0544 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0909 – larceny from auto, Sumpter Rd.
0925 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
1109 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1350 – suspicious situation, Fourth St./Charles St.
1354 – intimidation threat, N. Liberty St.
1358 – abandoned auto, Carmell St.
1457 – fraud, Charter One
1525 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1530 – narcotics crime, Main St.
1802 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2033 – property damage accident, Main St.
2058 – suspicious person, Fourth St.
2341 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Thursday, Sept. 10:
0002 – breaking & entering, Belle Villa Blvd.
0243 – juvenile complaint, Belleville
0711 – weapons violation, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1122 – warrant arrest, Plymouth Twp. PD
1232 – follow-up, N. Liberty St.
1708 – fraud, Main St.
1714 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1740 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
1758 – domestic assault, W. Huron River Dr.
1804 – operating while intoxicated, Wabash Ave.
1921 – noise complaint, Wabash Ave.
2042 – welfare check, Robbe St.

Friday, Sept. 11:
1038 – miscellaneous complaint, N. Liberty St.
1051 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1140 – trespassing, Menlo Park
1147 -- mental, Loza Ln.
1841 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2219 – family trouble, Second St.
2304 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2314 – disturbance, Carmell St.

Saturday, Sept. 12:
0103 – suspicious vehicle, Chase
0115 – suspicious vehicle
0927 – vehicle lockout, Chase bank
1535 – found property, Estrada
1824 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2105 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 51 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 6:
0040 – assist other agency, out of township
0256 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0316 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1159 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1408 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1447 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1634 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1641 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1729 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1750 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1907 – violation of public health code, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2037 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2256 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd

Monday, Sept. 7:
0058 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0223 – assist other agency, out of township
0708 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
0833 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1117 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1540 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/Harris
1713 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1905 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2013 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 8:
0044 – alarm, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0724 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1046 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1248 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1314 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1323 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1330 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2054 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd..
2116 – harassment complaint, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2316 – fire dept. assist, Creekside

Wednesday, Sept. 9:
0008 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0830 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0854 – animal complaint, Fenster/Traskos
1043 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
1146 – fire dept. assist 44999 bl. Willis Rd.
1232 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1925 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Arkona
2002 – larceny, 8800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2011 – suspicious vehicle, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2015 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
2234 – noise complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 10:
0340 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0818 – personal injury accident, Bemis/Lohr
0826 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1004 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1144 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1232 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1407 – ordinance violation, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1647 – family trouble, Bemis/Sumpter
2135 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Friday, Sept. 11:
0311 – animal complaint, Elwell/Judd
0852 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0944 – disorderly person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1113 – alarm, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1136 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1321 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
1700 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1718 – warrant pick up, out of township
1719 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
1817 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2211 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2324 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Sept. 12:
1417 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1606 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1704 – alarm, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1744 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter / Oakville Waltz
1748 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2035 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2118 – fight, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 15 follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 163 patrol checks, and 61 traffic stops.

Ongoing garage sale to raise funds for baby with no immune system

Luke Yanez, who turns 9 months old on Sept. 19, was born with no immune system and although the family has Medicaid coverage, there are many costs not covered, such as gasoline to and from the hospital.

His grandmother Dottie Meyers at 536 Sumpter Road and his mother Jennifer Meyers are running the sale every day through September, weather-permitting. Luke is the son of Jennifer and Jody Yanez. They have another son, Beau, age 2.

Whenever they are home from the hospital, they put up the sale sign in the yard and welcome buyers. Dottie said they have received many new items as donations and some gently used things and welcome other donations.

Luke’s disease is called Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID). He had a bone marrow transplant in April, which was a long and tough process, his grandmother said.

Now Luke has to take 12 medications twice a day and he is on a feeding tube because he can’t eat. Every week, sometimes twice a week, Luke has to go to the hospital for checkups and infusions to help keep him healthy until his immune system takes effect.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2005	LINCOLN	4D	1LNHM87A95Y665603	15-13933
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX54K8Y4192459	15-14751
2000	BUICK	4D	2G4WY55J8Y1316436	15-14753
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	3C4FY58B04T314343	15-15905
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E349302918	15-17230
1995	FORD	PU	1FTEX15Y3SKA19963	15-18961
1999	FORD	PU	1FTYR14V6XPB48417	15-19378

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2001	GMC	SW	1GKFG65R711198690	15-10234
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U22G272096	15-14070
2002	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1JC124427438833	15-14513
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1AK52F057641296	15-14841
2004	FORD	4D	1FAFP552X4A215923	15-14500
1998	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX52K7W4220056	15-15001
2002	BUICK	4D	2G4WS52J821149864	15-15337
2006	VOLKSWAGE	4D	WVWU73C16P159858	15-16587
2002	MERCURY	SW	4M2ZU86K72ZJ40865	15-16821
1997	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ND52M0VY124455	15-16853
1999	BUICK	4D	2G4WB52K4X1542020	15-17392
2010	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN5AW185489	15-17519
1995	GMC	PU	1GTCS1446SK526442	15-18188
2005	FORD	4D	1FAFP26185G114012	15-18333
1999	DODGE	PU	1B7GG22X1XS213344	15-19386
2001	NISSAN	4D	JN1CA31D71T615757	15-19501

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
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VBT Planners approve site plan for Trilogy, set public hearing on hotel

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In an unusually fast approval of a project, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a public hearing, granted preliminary site plan approval, and recommended to the township board special land-use approval for the project – all at the same meeting.

This was at the Sept. 9 planning meeting, where the agenda was expanded from simply the announced public hearing for Trilogy Residences to include preliminary site plan approval, and a recommendation on special land use, plus a resolution to extend the marijuana moratorium for another six months, and a notice that Town Place Suites hotel was having another rezoning hearing.

The brief meeting suddenly expanded.

Usually, the planners have a public hearing at one meeting and then wait until the next meeting to vote on the proposal to give members of the public time to add their comments.

This time, under the hand of the township's new Director of Building and Planning Ron Akers, the process sped up.

Trilogy (Bellridge Apartments) was seeking

approval to demolish its tennis courts at 41500 Bellridge Boulevard, west of Independence Lane and north of the I-94 North Service Drive. It wants to construct a clubhouse and swimming pool there, to be used by residents in the existing apartment houses.

After a public hearing with no comment from the public and a brief discussion, the commission voted unanimously to recommend to the township board special land use approval to demolish the tennis courts and build a swimming pool and clubhouse.

Then it unanimously passed a resolution to grant preliminary site plan approval, making sure to keep the parking at the present 465 spaces and converting two of those into handicapped spaces.

Hotel Rezoning

In another matter, Akers said that the last rezoning public hearing for Town Place Suites didn't cover all the property needed to be rezoned for the project at the corner of Quirk and I-94 North Service Drive.

So, he advertised a new public hearing for Sept. 23 in the *Sunday Ann Arbor News*, so the legal notice would be published enough days ahead to meet state requirements.

He also said the hotel has revised its conditional rezoning agreement and will present it to the commission.



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